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ON THE POSTAL APPROPRIATION BILL

Notes on Spokesman Discovery—The Star Mail Bill—Work Outlined for Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 20—[Special] One of the Democratic newspaper correspondents of General Sherman's fugitive presidential boom prophesies that the General's name will be withdrawn and his friends in Washington will be advised to support Grover Cleveland. This is said to be the result of a conference held by the Democratic leaders at which the latter spoke coldly of Sherman's candidacy. Outside of the Democratic conference Sherman's friends say that the report is false, and that the General will not withdraw his name. The Democratic leaders who have had conferences with Sherman say that he has not changed his position in the least, and that he is still willing to accept the nomination if it is tendered him. After reading the Democratic correspondence in the Sherman interview, Senator Logan said that he would not accept the nomination for President under any circumstances. Outside of Logan's own family no one has so much influence with the latter as Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and it is stated that Cameron

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THE ALASKA COMMERCIAL COMPANY.

Representative Henley of California, as our recent dispatches have stated, has introduced in the house a resolution to provide for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the affairs of the Alaska Commercial Company, with a view to ascertaining "how it obtained its lease from the government in 1870 to catch seals in Alaskan waters, and also to discover how it came about that former investigations by authority of congress resulted only in praise of the corporation." While the tenor of this resolution would suggest the probability that Mr. Henley's main object is only one of the buncombe for his party, yet it is not possible for any one having the faintest idea of the methods of that great corporation—the Alaska Commercial Company—to hesitate in believing that its conduct should be inquired into and probed to the bottom. The country has given the company this lease, and it has a perfect right to know all the workings of the company and the consequences of its policy and conduct.

It will be all that any committee can do to force open the doors of this great monopoly's distant kennel and give the country a glimpse of the color of the dog inside of it, without trying to find out why former committees failed to do their duty. We want facts, not claptrap for political consumption. This last course would result only in the usual row between the two great political parties, while the company to be investigated would escape in the fog of a partisan controversy.

If Mr. Henley has in good faith taken off his political coat and rolled up his investigating sleeves, in short, if he is in earnestness without regard to party, he will find many supporters, especially in the northwest, near to whose doors are the doings of the Alaska company. There is nothing new in Mr. Henley's allegation that this corporation controls nearly every government officer in Alaska and half a dozen in San Francisco. For years this has been apparent. The point to be investigated is this, namely, whether these officers, holding a double emolument, have favored the getter or the giver of their positions, or, briefly, the Alaska Commercial Company or the government. As this company is purely a financial corporation, the reasons why it has sought and obtained so many political appointments, and whether those reasons have been realized, is of ten-fold more importance in the investigation than rehashing the doings of some old committee that may have whitewashed them. It might also be well to ask whether everything, or nearly everything, done by government in Alaska is not more or less in the clutches of this corporation—in short, whether there exists such a thing as United States authority of any kind in Alaska, unless it first receives the approval of this company.

The natural channel of communication with Alaska is through Portland, and directly so since the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad. Portland is already the base of supplies to Alaska, and provides a steamer line to that port, so that anyone desiring to invest there may do so as far as crippled laws (or no laws) will allow. Over all the remainder of Alaska the fur seal monopoly furnishes the only means of transit, and as its whole object is to keep the country a sealed book, it amounts to no transit at all. It is now becoming generally known that the Yukon river abounds with fine salmon to supply almost any number of canneries, and as the whole fish of the Columbia river are likely to find a ready demand in the great cities of the east, at prices that will make canning problematical in the near future, Portland and Astoria must look to the Yukon and its tributaries as a paying point for canning interests, should they become precarious past by.

Again, the lease now in force will expire in 1890 and our capitalists have a longing eye for the time of its renewal. In 1870 some of them endeavored to get a hearing for a proposition that would have been much more favorable to the government than the lease secured by the San Francisco company, but were defeated by an influence more potent than they could bring to bear. Skillful management employed upon members of congress secured, on promise to pay $3 50 per seal skin, a lease that enables the company to take 100,000 skins annually, each of which brings in a rough state in London not less than $17 50, and about $100 when manufactured. A lease that has made big millionaires of half a dozen men who started in with but $4(00 certainly has not been so profitable for the government as it ought. The lease system may be necessary to protect the seals from extermination, but we can find in Portland within twenty-four hours ten times the capital necessary to guarantee $10 per skin, and three times the revenue California monopolists pay. The great fault of the government was in allowing this lease to be made at the fraudulently low figure of $3 50. It is well known that the company wants the matter kept quiet so that it can slip into the lease again without competition. Portland cannot afford to allow this, and should keep her eyes open to the business.

Of course the Alaska Commercial Company cares mainly for the seal islands, and very little for the great bulk of Alaska. But the company has always opposed in the most determined manner all efforts and propositions looking to exploration of the country or establishment of business there, because its policy is to keep this want of knowledge of the country as a curtain between itself and the public, so that its own operations may be concealed and its monopoly perpetuated. Thus, it is the object of the Alaska Commercial Company to keep that vast region another "dark continent." But it should be the object of our people, and those of Portland in particular, to know every nook and corner of the territory. Great possibilities of profitable business lie in that direction. Besides the salmon prospects spoken of, we want to know if the ore mined at Golovin bay cannot be brought here and smelted cheaper than in San Francisco; we want to know more about the Shumagin cod fisheries, and if we cannot through them build up some substantial fishing villages near by with men drawn from Maine and Massachusetts; we want to know if the $1,000,000 annual catch of the Arctic whale fisheries above Behring's strait cannot save 5000 miles of seavoyage to our port and half as many by railroad to headquarters in New Bedford; and last, but far from least, we want a "fair show" at the auction of the seal lease in 1889 or 1889, should congress determine to continue it. We want to know all these things and a hundred more of benefit to us in a commercial sense, and if the government is so shackled by this company that we shall be shut out from knowing them, we want to know that too.

Just how close a clutch this corporation has no one may ever know, but it is well worth trying to find out, and in the investigation no city is more interested than our own. This company has the redeeming feature of paying its employes very well—much higher wages than usually allotted to similar positions—and while this looks well in one way, it looks bad in another. It looks, indeed, as if it had an object that would not bear examination. Much pretended solicitude has at times been shown by the company or its agents for the interests of Alaska, whenever the clamor of people became great. Its senator in congress last December introduced a bill to give Alaska a civil government. Now, if Henry Ward Beecher had advocated free whisky, or Gordon spoken in favor of temperance, we would not have been more surprised than when this bill came from this source, but on looking far down in one of the heavily wooded districts of the bill, among a chaparral of legal phraseology, we find the following:

> Indians are not to be disturbed in the possession of their lands, and the United States is to relinquish its title to such lots of land as were specified in the transfer of the territory as belong now to the Russian Greek church, or which have been occupied or improved by bona fide residents and citizens or corporations doing business in said territory since, by permission of the United States authorities, and title to the same shall rest in the bona fide owners or occupants thereof, upon the payment of a price per acre to be fixed by the secretary of the interior.

Closely following is a mass of verbiage about lands for missionary and religious uses. It only requires close reading of the above, with attention to the context, to show that under this act the company, by payment of a few thousand dollars, would become perpetual owners of the seal islands. Undoubtedly the purpose lurks in the bill. It is intelligible only on this interpretation.

Alaska should be known. Resources exist there of which the people of the United States have a right to avail themselves. The country was bought with their money, and therefore is their property. Government has employes enough who would willingly undertake the work of full exploration. Private adventure would accomplish it if the Alaska monopoly were not allowed to interpose so many obstacles. During the whole of the past winter telegraph dispatches came at frequent intervals to THE OREGONIAN describing a fine vessel getting ready for the coast survey, to be used wholly in Alaskan waters. Her complete dimensions and cost of $150 000 to $200,000 were given three times, and much *bunkum* was expended on the subject; yet now the information dribbles out that she will not be ready for two years. It will take four or five years to do any work, and two or three to write up the report, and even that will be confined to the coast; and in the mean time the new lease will be acted on or the seal islands bought for a bagatelle. A "sponter" has been given out in the announcement that the prospective sending of the head of the Alaska Commercial Company is to command this vessel; so that even if it should ever get off, an exceedingly small book will hold all the useful information about Alaska that the expedition will give to the American public. Let us hope that Mr. Henley will go ahead with his investigation. And we bespeak for him all possible support from Oregon's delegation in congress.

CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM.

All the cabinet officers say that the reformed system of administering the civil service of the government, which has been in operation for about a year, has already resulted in an appreciable improvement, and that it promises still greater benefits in the future. This testimony is more interesting and valuable because no member of the cabinet has ever advocated this reform, while one at least—Mr. Chandler—has openly scoffed at it. Now Mr. Chandler says that the "good effect of the law in preventing pressure for places and in giving heads of departments, bureaus and officers their time for the performance of their duties, has been manifested throughout the public service." Secretary Frelinghuysen bears similar testimony to the relief from the pressure of office-seekers. Secretary Folger also says "that the solicitation for appointments has almost entirely ceased, and is kept up only rarely and from ignorance, bringing relief to persons in official or influential positions from the importunities of office-seekers and their friends." Secretary Teller, who was formerly opposed to the system, acknowledges that there has been a very perceptible diminution of the pressure on the department for appointments, thus not only allowing the heads of departments to devote their time to other purposes than that of listening to the importunities of applicants, but also saving senators and members of congress from the disagreeable duty of soliciting appointments at the dictation of their constituents, even when they knew it was impossible for the heads of the department to comply with their requests." Secretary Lincoln, Postmaster General Gresham and Attorney General Brewster all agree that the law has relieved them from personal applications for office. The only criticism upon the methods of the commissioners is not the old one against that no one but college professors can pass the examination, but that the standard is not high enough. With this defect corrected Secretary Chandler thinks that the system will supply the best men for the service. Mr. Brewster was originally opposed to the reform, but is now says: "My knowledge of the public service and the proper method of appointing persons to it, was derived mainly from others and they were persons who had large experience, and through a long lifetime of political action had convinced themselves that the system of examination and the exclusion of politics from such appointments was romantic and fantastic. All of these preconceived notions I have abandoned. I have observed the influence of the system in its application to other departments and I have learned from others who have enjoyed its benefits enough to convince me that it will be a serious mistake to revoke the law and readopt the old method. The merit of the new system," says Secretary Folger, "is this—that whereas, under the former system, the applicant was brought to the notice of the appointing power by the special application of some one having a special interest in him, now it is opened to every one on his own motion, without any favor sought, to offer himself as a competitor, and, if meritorious, to succeed." These officers are not "doctrinaires," "dreamers," nor "Anglo-maniacs," but practical men, and some of them seasoned politicians. They are in a position to know how the reform works and they all declare that it works well. It is a step in the right direction.

But the civil service should be more completely divorced from politics than will be accomplished by the system which these commissioners are carrying out, and nothing, we believe, would contribute more directly to that end than a radical revision of the salaries of federal officers. The theory upon which a large proportion of the salaries are fixed is that federal officers are important public characters, rather than the laborious servants of the people. In a great many cases the officer might be entirely dispensed with The assistant or the head clerk, who now does the work, might just as well be the head official. Then there would be no superfluous postmasters and customs officers with ample leisure to meddle in politics. Under the present system there has been no disguising the fact that these superfluous offices have been used to subsidize the press and reward party service. We can name many instances where we have personal knowledge that editors and publishers of newspapers have been given these offices, on the plea, openly made, that their appointment was necessary in order to maintain republican newspapers. During General Grant's presidency this practice was notorious, and it has not been unknown under more recent administrations. Now, if the salary of the postmaster was reduced to the amount which the assistant, the man who actually has charge of the office, receives, there would be no temptation to politicians to seek the offices, for politicians are not fond of hard work, and there would be nothing in the offices that could be employed by an administration to reward its friends. The spoils system would be destroyed, because there would be no spoils. There would then be no place for Judge Thurman's boys "to warm their toes," and there would be nothing to induce Mr. Flannagan of Texas to attend political conventions.

The *Times-Mountaineer* (The Dalles) urges citizens to take action in behalf of high license in that city. At present the license fee is but $100 for places where all liquors are sold, and $60 for beer halls. This is entirely too small. The *Times-Mountaineer* says: "The license fee should be raised to at least $300, and perhaps $500 would not be too much. We have too many saloons now, and if by raising the tax on them we could diminish the number one-half, we would pave the way for more stringent legislation. To accomplish anything the work must be earnest and determined."

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THE STATE TAX QUESTION.

The *State Journal* (Eugene City) puts in plain words a view of the tax question in which other papers of the rural counties have united, namely, that it is entirely proper to assess money and credits at their full value, and at the same time to assess property in other forms at one-third or one-fourth of its value. Land and many other kinds of property, it is said, may not bring in much income, but credits may and usually do; and the owner of credits can therefore afford to pay the higher rate of taxation. Passing over the palpable fact that this reasoning violates openly both the constitution and statutes of the state, it is apparent to all fair intelligence that business cannot be done on a principle which discriminates in this way against money and credits, since it throws upon them a weight of taxation three or four times greater than that to which property in other forms is liable; and if this is to become the settled policy of the state, general stagnation will ensue and a deep and lasting gloom will fall upon all enterprise within the state. Credits are the very foundation of business. Make the conditions such that credits cannot exist, and there will be about the same degree of commercial and industrial activity as the captain of the Flying Dutchman among our Chinook Indians the "quarters of a century ago."

But the argument that underrates the income obtainable from land, in order to support this theory of taxation, is clearly false. Either the land will produce more income than is conceded by the argument, or its value is not what it is admitted to be. If it will produce no more than two or three per cent income then certainly it is not worth much. But offer to buy it, and see what its value is. Take any average farm appraised by the assessor, say at $2500. Offer the owner $8000, or even $10,000 cash for it, and the probability is that the cash for it, and the probability is that the offer will be curtly refused. It is often found that a tract of land is assessed at no more than one-half the amount of the mortgage upon it, yet the mortgage covers not more than one-third of the actual value of the land. A case reported by a Washington county correspondent is in point. A land holder owns 2358 acres of land, set down on the assessor's books at a valuation of $19 410; yet mortgages on this same land are assessed at $39,000. As it is, land only with lenders to advance upon land only about one-third of its actual cash value. It is easy to see the falsity of these underval uations which assessors make. No; land has not that tickling value which the Lane county *Journal* would represent. Money could be had in a day in Portland to buy every acre of land in that county at three times the valuation placed upon it by the assessor, but the owners of the land know its value, and wouldn't take it. This reflection at once the preference not only a meager income, if any at all, can be obtained from the land. The present owner knows better, since he wouldn't take for the land three times the sum at which it is appraised by the assessor the capitalist knows better, since he would gladly give three times the amount of the assessor's appraisement.

Real estate in Portland is also undervalued wrongfully and to an extent as large as lands in the agricultural counties. This violates system prevails throughout the whole state. But it is not pretended in Portland, when a piece of real property is assessed say at $10,000, that this is all it is worth. The owner and assessor admit it is worth three, four or five times as much, but the appraisement is kept down because it is known that the other counties will not return more than one-quarter of their true valuation. A state board, properly constituted, to correct and equalize values could adjust this fairly among all the counties and distribute the state tax equitably among them. Brevity of this paper, let us join in urging that this board Honesty is sadly needed in this matter. Consent to advance the appraisement of land for taxation and something like its actual cash value and Multnomah county, instead of presenting an assessment roll of less than twenty millions, will show for state and general taxation a roll of seventy to eighty millions. Then we shall have small tax levies in all the counties and credits no longer taxed three or four times as heavily as property in other forms will cease to feel the burden; money will be offered in abundance for needed undertakings; interest will be reduced, and business of all kinds will feel the impulse of a new life. But if we can't have these results, let us at least have candor in our statements, and not pretend that a grossly erroneous and inequitable system of taxation is judicious and fair.

BAD DRAINAGE.

Two neighbors in Schenectady, N. Y., recently died from typhoid fever, contracted by drinking water from a well into which a cess pool drained. There is no doubt that in places where the water supply is not drawn from more or less easily contaminated by sewage there is great danger from effluvia arising from the soil itself and to this source most of the malarial fever that has been so prevalent during the last decade may be traced. As towns grow and houses are built one together the inhabitants are apt to forget that what was good enough for the fathers is not good enough for them, and neglect to run the "chain of prevention" and provide for a proper disposal of sewage before the evil is demonstrated in some painful manner. In the British *Medical Journal* there is an interesting statement respecting the habilities of land drains for bad drainage. It says: "In a recent number of the *Journal* we drew attention to the fact that in the Glasgow sheriff court damages had been obtained by a tenant against his landlord for the ill consequences arising from the defective drainage of the house. This case has been followed by another at Dumbarton, where a similar action has been raised and tried in the court there, the plaintiff suing for damages in consequence of a bad state of drainage and of the sanitary arrangements of the house, whereby the health of the inmates suffered. Some of the items claimed were disallowed on legal grounds, but the important point is, that the judge made an order in favor of the plaintiff for the payment of the medical expenses incurred, as there was no doubt in his mind that the plaintiff's children had suffered from the effect of bad drainage." These decisions are based upon the common law of England, which is the law in this country except where it has been superseded by special statutes. If a landlord rents a tenant to occupy his house for rent, he should see that there are no death traps in or around it, and a few decisions in our courts like those in England might enforce this idea more effectually than a newspaper article.

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MONDAY MORNING MARCH 24 1884

NEWS OF SATURDAY.

From the Sunday Oregonian

The Iowa Log Jature

DES MOINES Ia March 22 — The house today passed joint resolutions asking Congress to pass a law giving every honorably discharged private soldier in the late war a patent for 160 acres of land without requiring the payment of fees now exacted by law all surviving soldiers the late war who were honorably discharged a uniform pension of eight dollars per month during life and for the passage of the Robinson bill granting pensions to all soldiers and sailors and marines who were confined in rebel prisons and two dollars per day for each day they were so confined

Joint resolutions relative to the appointment of an agent for the collection of any amount that may become due the state of Iowa from the United States on the refund of the direct war tax, and also as the rate of interest on money advanced by the state during the civil war was adopted

Confederate Soldiers' Home

NEW YORK March 22 — General J B Gordon of Georgia has upsetted the following committee to confer with the committee already appointed by the Confederate soldiers' home in Richmond Major W H Clark of Virginia Major John Bowan of South Carolina Colonel Thomas Jones of Alabama Dr Theodore Lyle of Kentucky Dr Bledsoe of Texas Burdett W Harrison of Virginia and Major R H Quincy of Tennessee General Gordon will be chairman of the committee.

Bank Failure

DENVER March 20 — The national state bank of Boulder suspended this morning after a short run The failure has long been anticipated

DENVER March 22 — The failure of the State National bank of Boulder is attributed to loaning large sums on real estate security which is deemed adjustable but upon which it was unable to realize speedily enough to assist in this crisis The bank owes 70 depositors about $150 000 No crookedness is charged and the bank will undoubtedly be able to pay in full if its affairs are judiciously handled

Carriage Appointed Receiver

PHILADELPHIA March 22 — Commodore Gorringe has been appointed receiver of the American Ship Building Company whose yard is at Port Richmond The appointment was the result of a bill in equity filed by the Bank of New York to which the Shipbuilding Company was indebted for $16 000 and it was for the protection of the creditors of the company that this proceeding was taken As the company was doing a prosperous business the suspension is expected to be but temporary

An Important Invention

CLEVELAND March 22 — Frank L Chamberlain a sportsman of local celebrity has perfected a machine capable of charging sixty base cartridges per hour Prominent Canadian and Pittsburg capitalists to day organized a company with a quarter of a mill on capital to establish a manufactory here

At Death's Door

NEW YORK March 22 — August Belmont for many years prominently identified with the business and political affairs of the city and country who has been suffering from serious illness for many months past is now rapidly sinking and is not expected to live

Hills Shut Down

PHILADELPHIA March 22 — The blanket and woolen mill of John and James Dobson at the falls of the Schuylkill have been stopped and 1200 male and female operators are now idle

Donated a Drinking Fountain

DUBUQUE March 22 — Dr H Cogswell of San Francisco has donated a drinking fountain valued at $2000 to this city

THE CATTLE PLAGUE.

Experts Pronounce It not the Foot and Mouth Disease

ARCHISON Kansas March 22 — The Champion has a special from Osborne Kansas which announces that fifty cattle in one herd in a corral in the north west part of Osborne county are affected with a disease similar to the foot and mouth disease now prevalent in Woodson county This sheriff has established a quarantine against the herd and has stationed a deputy in the locality to prevent the passage of men or beast to and from Osborne Woodson is about 200 miles southeast

A UNANIMOUS VERDICT

NEOSHA FALLS Kansas March 22 — The following veterinary surgeons have been in consultation here and have made a thorough examination of the lung fever and mouth disease among cattle [illegible] Dr Beattie Chicago Dr D E Salmon veterinarian for the department of agriculture Dr M Trumbower Sterling Ill and Dr George C Faville of the Colorado state agricultural college Dr K E Hoag and an old Scotch surgeon now of Lexington Kentucky Dr Harold Leutchman Kelt Gray Dr Spickles Iowa These gentlemen are positive that they have discovered the source of the trouble and all agree first that it is the foot and mouth disease and second that the important symptom of that disease It is not a lack of care neither is it alkali water It is not a contagious disease what ever as not a new case has appeared for weeks on the infected herds although the weather has been moist and wet Dr Salmon right as soon as he saw the infected herds of Mr Harold Leutchman Kelt Gray Dr Spickles Iowa These gentlemen are positive that they have discovered the source of the trouble and all agree first that it is the foot and mouth disease and second that the important symptom of that disease It is not a lack of care neither is it alkali water It is not a contagious disease what ever as not a new case has appeared for weeks on the infected herds although the weather has been moist and wet Dr Salmon right as soon as he saw the [illegible] he pronounced it the foot and mouth disease and declared that it was not contagious and then proceeded and examined the herd He also had not been done before They found that it contained a large ambarvo will trye which was full of ergot The surgeons all say that they never saw cattle in that part as much ergot in bunch feed The theory is that the ergot by contracting the blood vessels and otherwise retarding the circulation in the extremities, caused lung fever to start

THE GREAT SCARE EXPLD

This ords the great scare While it has proved not to be a contagious disease yet the people of this section did only what was prudent to do in finding a disease among the cattle which they did not understand to appeal it to the governor He appealed to the general government for the best skill they could furnish The agricultural department of Missouri sent an expert whom they fully recommended The agricultural department at Washington has another Their decision has been published far and wide While many did not fully fall to the verdict of these experts it was thought to be the duty of the community in justice to the people of other sections to act in accordance with their decision

IOWA CATTLE ATTACKED

EKONIS Iowa March 22 — A disease pronounced the foot and mouth disease is prevalent in Van Buren county Iowa The herds of S D Irish and John Tribe near Keosauqua are the only ones reported in detail though others are affected Some of the cattle were attacked in January and others a few days ago The cooling thaw is not to melt stored trouble as the animals were all protected during the winter Several have died The symptoms are lameness swelling at the ankle and then cracks of the hoof joints

POLITICAL

ARRANGING FOR THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

CHICAGO March 22 — The sub-committee on arrangements of the republican national convention was in session here to-day Senator Sabin Hon John C New and John H Clough as proxy for Senator Logan being the only members of the committee present. John A. Martin W W Cooper E S Magee and Powell L Clayton other members of the committee are expected during the day The design of the exposition building as it will be arranged for the May festival was submitted The plan contemplates a seating capacity for 10 000 which is twice the capacity of 5000 Members of the sub-committee appeared in favor of the plan but no action will be taken until the arrival of the full committee

The committee decided to hold the convention in the exposition building, and in the auditorium to be constructed for the May musical festival

Accommodations 8000 people by utilizing the galleries It was decided however to limit the issue of tickets to 6000 which will be printed on a steel plate to prevent counterfeiting The national committee transferred other pecuniary details for holding the convention to a committee of citizens, who will act on a basis allowing a fund to meet all local expenses It was determined not to sell tickets of admission as in 1880 If it can possibly be avoided The members of the national committee instructed the local committee to outline their plans for holding the convention and report the details to the national committeemen next Tuesday to which date adjournment it was taken.

A REPUBLICAN VICTORY

HAWDEN Mo March 22 — In the special election today for mayor Humphrey republican was elected by 9 votes against 1 10 for Cummings democrat the present incumbent

IN FAVOR OF EARLY ELECTIONS

NEW YORK March 22 — The citizens' committee is in favor of spring elections and placing the municipal government on a non-partisan body instead of the board of police as at present

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

HANGED BY A MOB

MARYSVILLE Ks March 22 — About forty masked men went to the jail last night Five of them covered the jailer's residence and presented revolvers at his head and compelled him to open the jail doors Samuel Fraper convicted of the murder of John Pennington and wife was then taken out conducted to a wagon bridge in the southern part of town and hanged His said to have made a full confession stating that he had no accomplices in the murder The mob was very quiet and disposed as soon as the work was done

KILLED HIS FIVE CHILDREN

AUGUSTA Ga March 22 — The preliminary investigation near McBean of the killing of five negro children caused the arrest of the father Ed Davis He was trying to raise a crop and found it difficult to provide for his family He had drunken spells and the children were in the way, and killed them to get rid of supporting them

THE CARPENTER CASE

PETERSBURG Ill March 22 — Orrin A Carpenter a wealthy grain merchant of Lincoln Illinois who was accused of the murder of Zora Buena was acquitted this morning

HIGH WATER IN THE MISSOURI

Great Damage Threatened at Points on the Upper River

SIOUX CITY Iowa March 22 — This morning's developments prove that apprehensions about a flood were entirely wrong The ice is rapidly going out and all reports of overflows from gorges have subsided Information from Yankton says that the great ice gorge has broken and no river will be over its banks at night The ferry boat Senator at Yankton was carried away by the gorge and is supposed to be lost Nearly every gorge and jam is reported to be broken There are a number of boats at this point but in a favorable condition with the exception of the Nellie Peck which has been pushed aground by the ice She is in no immediate danger All railroads entering here are undismayed except the Milwaukee which suffered a washout about sixty miles above Sioux City bottom Officials of the road here in the Dakota bottom Officials of the road here in the Dakota bottom say that it will be repaired by Monday The river stage but it will be repaired by Monday The river stage has fallen as far up as Chamberlain The ice is coming out in the Dakota river in not as high here as during corresponding The river is not as high here as during the extraordinary breakup

NOTABLE DEAD.

DEATH OF A NEW MEXICAN LEGISLATOR.

SANTA FE March 22 — Senor Diego Archeiria the oldest member of the house of representatives and at one time representative to the Mexican congress died this morning of pneumonia.

GENERAL GODFREY WEITZEL

CINCINNATI March 22 — The remains of General Godfrey Weitzel who died in Philadelphia arrived this morning The funeral takes place to-morrow

CONGRESSIONAL

Senate

WASHINGTON March 22

The house went into committee of the whole Reagan in the chair on the bill for the extension of Wilmington Columbia & Augusta railroad to connect with the Atlantic & Gulf railroad Hill of Georgia said the bill was in the interest of the commerce of the country and was in conformity with the law to encourage railroad building